

BUILDER RESOURCE / MID-CONSTRUCTION

Pre-Drywall Blower-Door Checklist

Use this when the main air barrier is installed, but still visible and easy to repair.

GOOD TIMING Book the test before drywall and finishes cover the air barrier. This visit helps find leaks early; the completed home will still need a final airtightness test.

STEP 01

Make the home test-ready

- ☐ Install and close exterior windows and doors where practical.
- ☐ Close fireplace dampers, attic hatches and crawlspace access.
- ☐ Temporarily seal unfinished ducts, exhausts, vents and other planned exterior openings as agreed with Apollo.
- ☐ Fill plumbing traps with water or cap unfinished rough-ins.
- ☐ Seal floor drains and sumps as directed.
- ☐ Tell Apollo about missing windows or doors, suites, party walls or areas that may need separate testing.

STEP 02

Prepare the site

- ☐ Keep a parking and unloading space clear near the building.
- ☐ Provide access to every suite, attic area, basement and crawlspace.
- ☐ Provide a suitable 120-volt power outlet.
- ☐ Ask workers not to enter or leave through exterior doors during the test.
- ☐ Pause dusty or hazardous work around the testing area.

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Find and fix the leaks

Have the right person and materials on site so the crew can act on the findings.

STEP 03

Have someone ready to help

- ☐ Ask the builder, site lead, insulator or air-sealing trade to attend.
- ☐ Have compatible tapes, sealants, membranes and tools ready.
- ☐ Review windows, rim areas, service penetrations and material transitions with Apollo.
- ☐ Mark or photograph repairs that cannot be finished during the visit.
- ☐ Do not tape a direct-vent gas fireplace or seal a designed ventilation or combustion opening.
- ☐ Tell Apollo about fireplaces, fuel-fired heaters and combustion equipment. Follow Apollo's test-day shutdown instructions.

STEP 04

After the test

- ☐ Record which openings were temporarily sealed.
- ☐ Finish repairs that could not be completed during the visit.
- ☐ Protect repaired details from later electrical, plumbing and mechanical work.
- ☐ Complete follow-up repairs before the air barrier is covered.

ONE LAST THING The required test timing and paperwork can differ by project. Apollo will confirm the test setup; the building department confirms what it needs for the permit file.

Questions before the visit? Talk to Jesse.

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